GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SUBSTANDARD PESTICIDES
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received complaints regarding the alleged sub- standard pesticides brought in the country by Indian firms which have ruined the rural economy destroying the lives of a large number of farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether agriculture production has fallen by 2% as a result of the use of sub-standard pesticides;

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to enquire into the pesticides scam; and

(e) the steps being taken not to allow the sub-standard pesticides to be distributed to the farmers in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) to (e): The use of chemical pesticides in the recommended dose with the prescribed method of application at the prescribed intervals does not cause any adverse effect on crop production in the country. To check the supply of substandard / mis-branded pesticides, provisions exist in the Insecticides Act, 1968. The Central and State Govt.officers are authorized to take action against the manufacturers / suppliers, if the samples are found to be sub-standard / misbranded.